

D-173

1893

St. Stephen's P. E. Church
East New Market
public worship

St. Stephen's P. E. Church stands as one of the most distinguished of the small Gothic Revival churches in Dorchester County. The single-story frame structure, erected in 1893, remains essentially unaltered with Gothic arched doors, colored glass windows, and patterned wood sheathing in the east gable end that assumes the shape of a cross. The interior is highly noteworthy for the pristine condition in which the the finishes have survived. Matched board ceilings and walls are complemented by a exposed scissors truss roof system in addition to original Victorian furniture and lighting.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. D-173

Magi No. 1006612608

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town East New Market ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of the St. Stephens Episcopal Church

street & number North Main Street telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code Md 21631

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of Circuit Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state Md 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1985 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Md 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Stephen's P. E. Church stands on the west side of North Main Street in the town of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The Gothic Revival frame church faces east with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis. Accompanying the church is a single-story parish hall that stands southwest of the church. (See D-661)

Built in 1893, the single-story Gothic Revival frame church is supported by a continuous common bond brick foundation and sheathed with a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising from the east gable end is a small gabled belfry.

The east (main) facade of the main block is partially covered by a single-story, one-bay frame entry that is marked by a Gothic arched double-door entrance. Piercing the upper gable of the main block is a four-part colored glass window. The uppermost portion of the gable is distinguished by a cross, now covered by aluminum, which is part of a patterned wood surface design. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended. Fixed in the northeast corner of the foundation is the 1893 datestone. Also located in the northeast corner is an interior brick stove stack which rises above the level of the roof. The small gabled belfry has four arched openings, one on each side, with a white cross fixed on each elevation. The base of the belfry is finished with a decorative board pattern, and the gabled roof repeats the slope of the church roof. A small cross rises from the top of the belfry.

The north side of the church is marked by four pairs of square colored glass windows, and a gabled dormer is marks the roof above the westernmost bay. The dormer, covered by a steeply pitched roof as well, is lighted by a Gothic arched colored glass window. The south side, on the other hand, is defined by two pair of colored glass windows as well as a shed roofed sacristy that occupies the third bay from the east. A narrow brick stove stack rises through church roof near the east edgd of the sacristy. The east side of the sacristy is pierced by a Gothic arched door, and the south side is marked by pair of colored glass windows. The west side of the church is a plain wall of horizontal aluminum siding aside from a cross in the upper gable that has been covered with aluminum as well.

The church interior has not been significantly changed since construction in 1893. The sanctuary walls are covered by a combination of beaded board wainscoting and plaster, while the ceiling is entirely covered by a diagonal matched board sheathing. The scissors roof truss is exposed. The altar area, by contrast, is entirely covered by diagonal patterned beaded board, and the roof structure is concealed. Distinguishing the raised altar is Victorian furniture. Opening through the south wall is a shallow paneled door that provides access to the sacristy, the interior of which is also covered with narrow beaded boards. Fixed on the west wall are double-door vestiment closets.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1893

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

St. Stephen's P. E. Church stands as one of the most unaltered of the Gothic Revival churches in Dorchester County. The rectangular frame is distinguished by a gabled belfry as well as series of square, colored glass windows that pierce each side. A patterned wood sheathing incorporating a cross design marks the upper gable of the east end. Inside, the late nineteenth-century church has not been altered and rich honey-colored walls of patterned beaded board walls and ceilings are complemented by period furniture and lighting. The scissors truss roof system remains exposed and finished in a natural color that matches the walls and ceiling. Standing southwest of the church is an equally well preserved parish hall that was built during the early years of the twentieth century. (See D-660).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

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NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U. S. G. S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: <u>CHURCH</u>
ORIGINAL USE:
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: <u>ROMANESQUE REVIVAL</u>
DATE BUILT: <u>1893</u>

COUNTY: <u>Dorchester</u>
TOWN: <u>East New Market</u>
LOCATION: <u>Main Street</u> <u>Route 16</u> <u>East New Market</u>
COMMON NAME: <u>St. Stephen's Episcopal Church</u>
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:
OWNER: ADDRESS: <u>same as above</u>
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick ☒ Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ☒
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum ☒ Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood ☒ Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle ☒ Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys ☒ Sheds () Ells ()
Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: 1 1/2

Number of Bays: 1 x 4 BAYS

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: Center bay

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration ☒ Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive ☒ Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

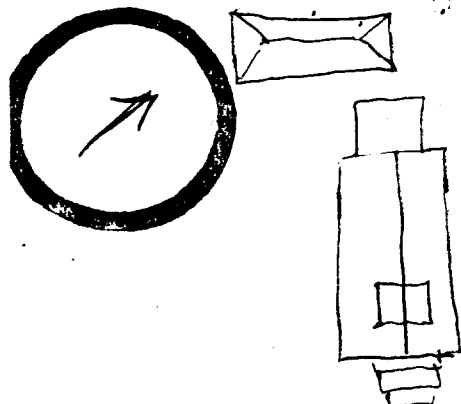
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up(x) Densely Built Up()
Residential() Commercial()
Agricultural() Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:

Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

① St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Route 16
East New Market, Md. 21631

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Front entrance has five brick steps with landing and handrails. Entrance has Gothic arched doubled leaf (considered one large bay). Over vestibule there are four arched sections with square colored glass windows. Wood panelling in gable with applied wooden cross surrounded with roundels. Atop the church is an open belfry surrounded by four white crosses (front, back, both sides) and a steeple which also has a white cross.

On the left side in the second bay there is a shed roof extension and side entrance with brick steps and handrails. Both sides are approximately four bays deep which includes gabled dormers and two bays with triple windows and two bays with double windows.

There is an applied large white cross on the back. There are no windows.

On the right of the entrance is a cornerstone: "St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 1893."

Has a steep gabled roof with asphalt shingles and two ? brick chimneys.

The building has aluminum siding. The entire foundation is American bond brick.

② Parish House

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Hip roof with small gables covered with asphalt shingles. Has corner boards with frieze--enclosed overhanging eaves. One story rectangular building with weatherboard painted gray. Six-bay front and back.

Front entrance has cement steps with handrails. Over the fourth bay, which extends from the main building, is a two-row colored glass transom*. Three inside chimneys (front, back, right side). Side entrance has cement steps with handrails. Double wooden bottom doors with two-row colored glass transom*. Three bays on left and two bays on right.

On both the right and left sides there is a small louvered gable for ventilation.

Back entrance has five horizontal panels made of wood with a two-row colored glass transom*.

The entire foundation is American bond brick.

Built 1914

* horizontal window centered.
over the door.

Church, St. Stephen's

A congregation of Anglicans (Episcopalians) had been worshipping in East New Market, Md. (formerly New Market) on the Eastern Shore as early as 1650-1675. In 1805 a chapel was built for Anglican worship where the present School stands (building destroyed). The present Episcopal Church was built in 1893. It stands surrounded by handsome lawns and shaded by maples. The interior presents an atmosphere and sense of reverence found only in the House of God where love exists. The brass altarware is unsurpassed for its beauty.

Parish House

Note: From BETWEEN THE NANTICOKE AND THE CHOPTANK

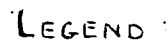
St. Stephen's is one of the finest of the rare examples of Romanesque Revival architecture in the county. It is a solidly built frame church painted gray. The stained glass windows on either side of the door are made up of small multicolored square panes. The interior is very striking and has been left virtually unchanged, even down to the wooden candlesticks on the side of each pew. To the rear of St. Stephen's is a small vestry, built at the same time and in a similar style to the church.

This is the third Episcopal church in East New Market, although it is the first on this particular site. The earliest mention of a church in town was 1794, and a second one was built in 1805, although very little is known about either building.

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(East New Market Dist.) Scale 20 Rods to an Inch



yellow = historic house

330' 1"

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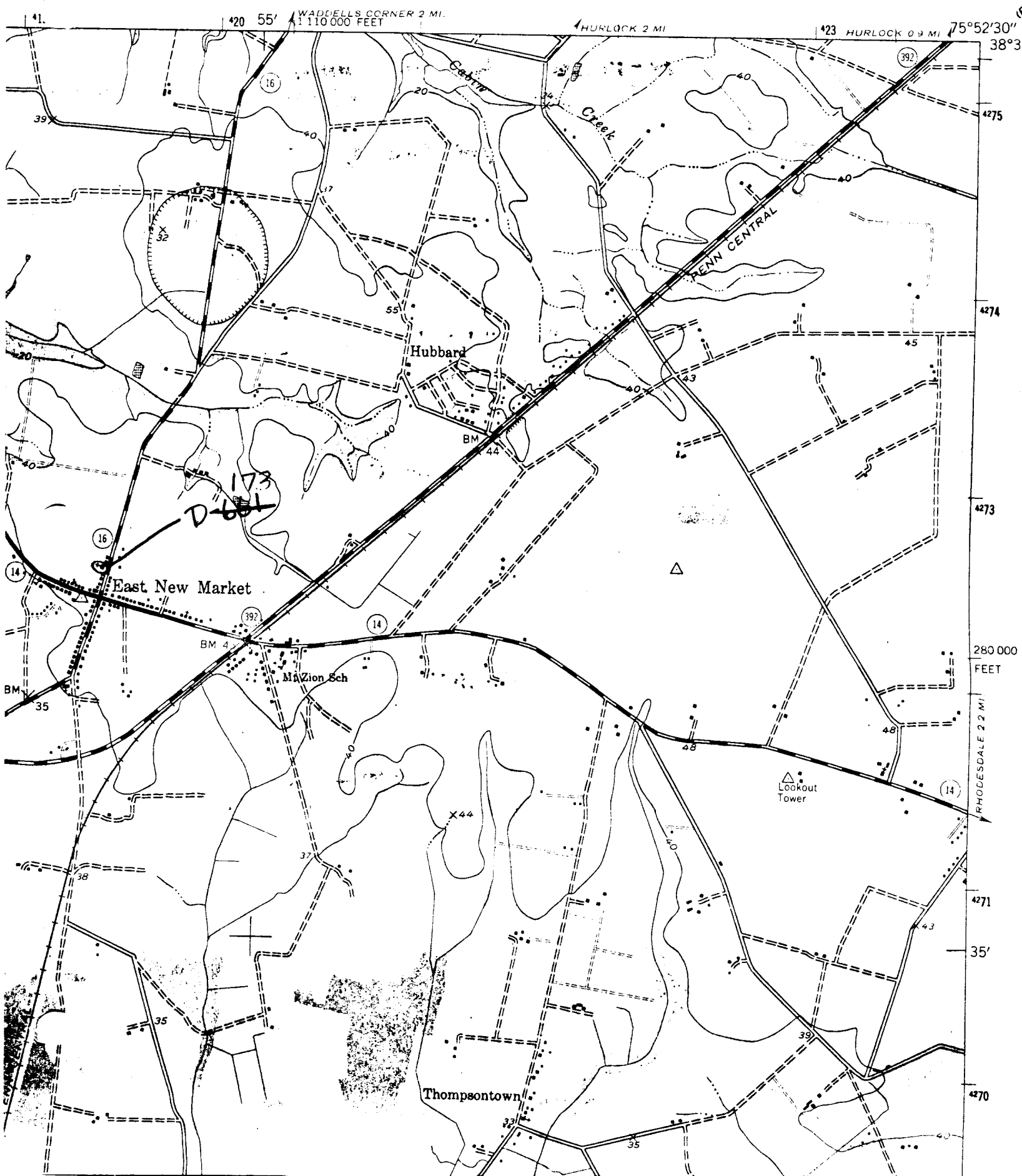
**LAST NEW MARKET BUSINESS
REFERENCES.**

J. W. ANDREWS, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Cutlery, Tinware, Ready Made Clothing, Harness, Notions, and all other articles usually kept in a country store. Residence and Store, Cabib Creek, Md.

An Illustrated Atlas of Talbot and
Dorchester Counties, Maryland
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson
Philadelphia, 1877

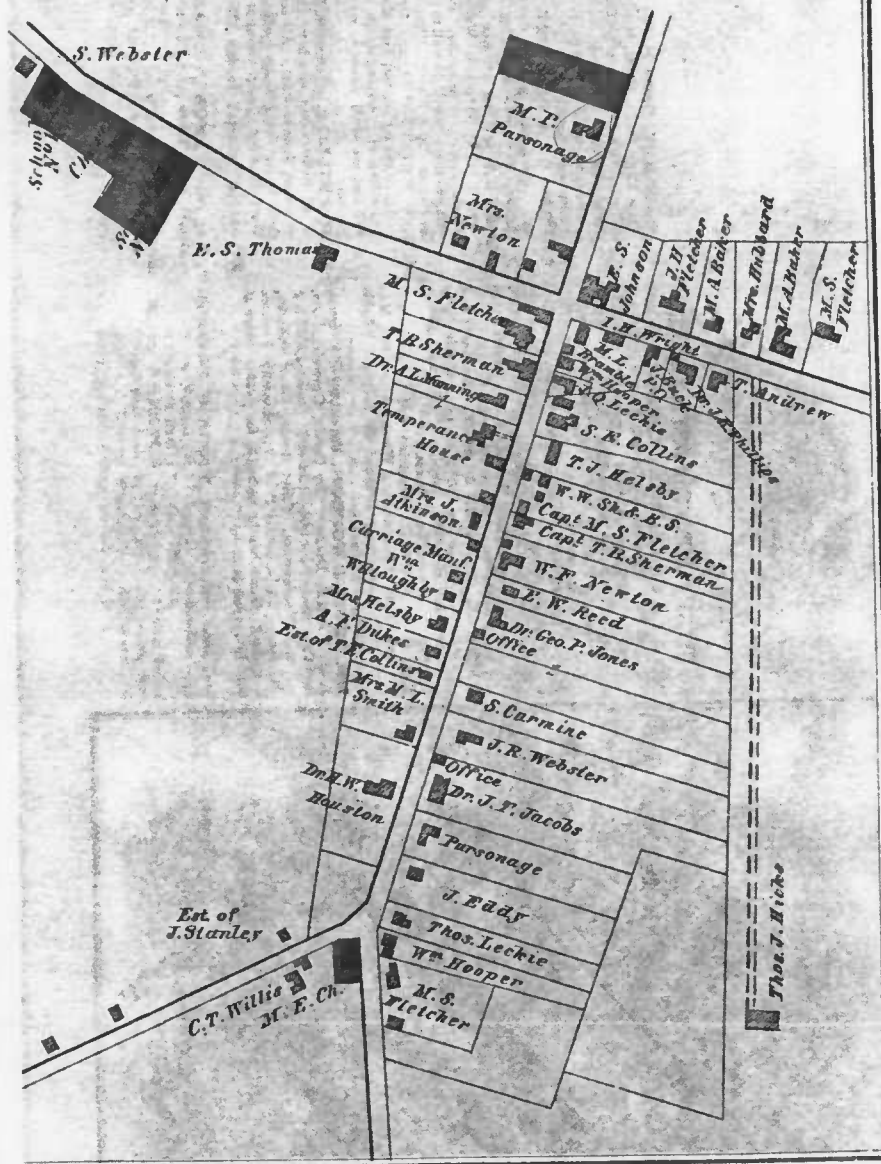
WILLIAM R. HOOPER, Manufacturer of Boots
and Shoes, 111 N. 3rd St., St. Louis, Mo.

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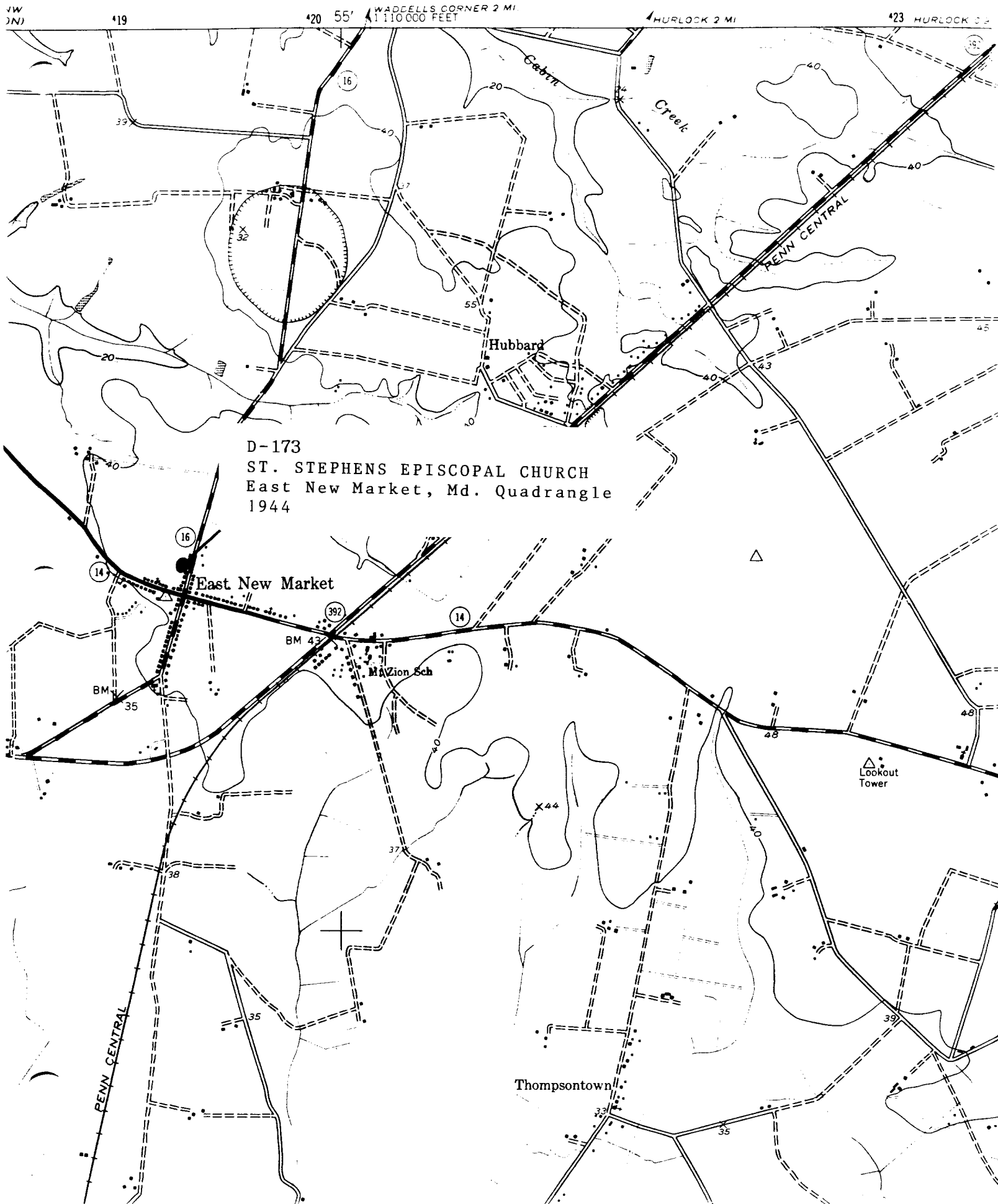
B. F. SHERMAN, Proprietor of "Lower Cabin Creek Mills." Merchant and Custom work done. Highest cash prices for Wheat and Corn. Also constable of East New Market District. P. O. East New Market.

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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD
South elevation
10/87 Paul Touart photographer
Negative/MD Historical Trust



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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD
Interior
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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

East elevation

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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD
Scissors truss roof system
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